

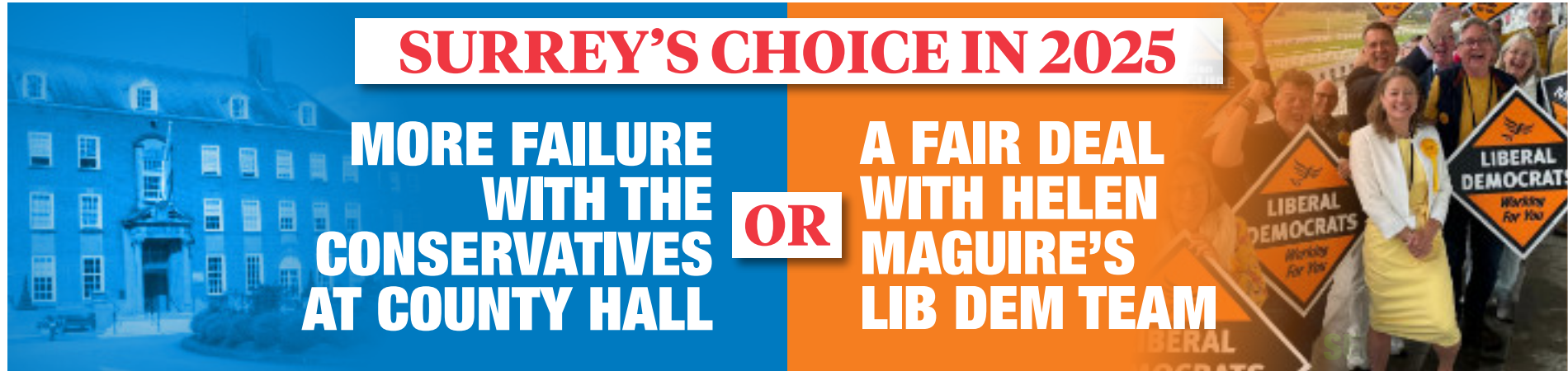
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**SURREY'S CHOICE IN 2025**

**MORE FAILURE WITH THE CONSERVATIVES AT COUNTY HALL** **OR** **A FAIR DEAL WITH HELEN MAGUIRE'S LIB DEM TEAM**



# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL HAS FAILED OUR CHILDREN

**OVER 1,800 SURREY CHILDREN WITH SEN ARE MISSING SCHOOL**



**Surrey County Council leader apologises over SEND 'failings'**

**More than 1,800 children with SEN missing school**

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NEWS

**The Conservative Leader of the County Council has been forced to apologise for the poor treatment of vulnerable children and their families in Surrey.**

Shocking statistics revealed by the Liberal Democrats show that over 1,800 children in Surrey with Special Educational Needs missed more than a third of their schooling last year.

Epsom & Ewell Liberal Democrat MP **Helen Maguire** said, "This issue dominates my casework. Parents, grandparents, and carers, all deeply concerned about the state of provision in Surrey, feel like they are battling a system led by people who don't care and don't listen."

The council also has ten times the national average of special needs complaints submitted to the Local Government Ombudsman.

**Tory Leader Apologises over SEND Failings**

The Conservative council leader admitted he could not defend the "indefensible."

**Helen Maguire MP** added, "For the last 14 years, the Conservatives have been responsible for these services, both locally and nationally. Only now the Conservative Council leader is apologising to young people and their carers for a system that acts too slowly, creates conflict, and fails to meet their needs. It's simply not good enough."



# HERALD COMMENT

Our County has a clear choice this May

In May, people across Surrey will go to the polls to decide who holds power at County Hall.

The choice couldn't be clearer: we can either keep a Tory County Council that has given us record-high Council Tax bills, big debts at County Hall, and terrible public services, or we can vote for a Liberal Democrat County Hall that will deliver change and put people first.

The Liberal Democrats' Fair Deal for Surrey will ensure more potholes are fixed, provide transparency about council finances, and work with parents and carers to address the crisis in Special Educational Needs.

Labour is in third place across Surrey. At the General Election last year, Surrey elected six Liberal Democrat MPs and six Conservative MPs.

Labour, the Green Party, and independent candidates cannot win across Surrey and cannot deliver the change local people need.

## Fighting for a fair deal

Lib Dem MPs, like Epsom & Ewell's Helen Maguire and their local champions are fighting for a fair deal. With a proven record of action in their communities, they will always put people and their neighbourhoods first. They will stand up for you locally and deliver the change we desperately need at County Hall.

SPECIAL REPORT...AFTER DECADES OF FAILURE AT COUNTY HALL, THE LIB DEMS ARE FIGHTING FOR A...

# A FAIR DEAL FOR SURREY



## Helen Maguire's team for County Hall

Lib Dem MP, Helen Maguire, needs her champions to be elected at County Hall this May to help deliver the change local people want when it comes to good local public services.

● **Repair our County's roads**

**Despite record-breaking Council Tax rises and failing services, Conservative controlled Surrey County Council has HUGE debts.**

The Council is set to add a further £1.2bn in debt to its balance sheets by 2028. All this at a time when roads are covered in potholes and some of the most vulnerable children are being failed.



● **Honesty about the council finances**

**MAXED OUT THE CREDIT CARD**

Cllr James Lawrence said, "The Conservatives have maxed out the credit card over the last 14 years – both nationally and locally. They have broken our country and our county, and they have left a huge financial mess that other people will need to clear up. Local taxpayers will be



● **Work with families and children**

saddled with picking up their bill."

**RESIDENTS TO GIVE VERDICT**

This May residents of Surrey will have a chance to give their verdict on decades of control by Conservatives at County Hall. People will need to think carefully about the state of services they receive and decide whether the Conservatives should be

rewarded for another four years.

Local Liberal Democrat campaigner Syed Hayat added, "I think voters want change. They wanted change nationally and I know they want change locally. Only the Lib Dems can stop the Conservatives winning again this May. We can deliver the change local people want."



**Crumbling Roads** - Surrey taxpayers and their cars take the hit.

# MORE MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN

**Surrey's pothole problem is Shitting our wallets harder than almost anywhere else in the UK.**

Latest RAC figures reveal a staggering 400% rise in pothole compensation claims in just one year, the highest increase in the UK.

Take Woodcote Green Road. Left to rot for yet another year, it's riddled with potholes that take up nearly half the road and cycle path. Despite desperate pleas, Surrey County Council continues to turn a blind eye while more and more roads fall apart.

Local people report of roads being 'half repaired' - with notable potholes not being filled in despite repair work taking place days earlier.

## CONSERVATIVES FAIL TO FIX OUR ROADS

Local campaigner Andrew Casey said, "Residents are fed-up with the lack of improvement on Epsom and Ewells roads. Instead of wasting taxpayers' money on endless payouts, totalling more than £800,000 in the last five years, why isn't the problem being fixed?"

# LIB DEMS STAND UP FOR THE ELDERLY

Labour's cuts to the Winter Fuel Payment will leave many in Surrey at risk



18,261 pensioners in Epsom and Ewell do not receive pension credit and are also at risk of losing support due to the government's cuts.

**Older people across Epsom and Ewell are being failed by the new Labour Government.**

National charities have hit out at the decision by Keir Starmer to cut the Winter Fuel Payment to millions of pensioners nationwide.

## THOUSANDS AT RISK

Data shows that in Epsom, Ewell, Ashted and Leatherhead, 5,788 pensioners aged over 80 are not in receipt of pension credit and will lose their Winter Fuel Payment unless they receive other benefits.

Liberal Democrat MPs across Surrey have been leading the campaign to reverse these unfair cuts.

Local campaigner Josie Brinker said, "We all know the Conservatives wrecked the economy - leading to rising household bill costs. But the answer to solving the mess they left isn't to remove support for some of the most vulnerable people."

"I've spoken to residents who are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. The Government needs to go back to the drawing board and find a fairer way to fix the financial mess left by the Tories."



# HELEN MAGUIRE'S NEEDS YOUR HELP TO ELECT...

## YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM CHAMPIONS



**Andrew Casey** (Ewell Court, Auriol and Cuddington), **Syed Hayat** (Epsom West), **Julian Freeman** (Ewell Village, Stoneleigh and Nonsuch) **Josie Brinker** (West Ewell) and **James Lawrence** (Epsom Town and Downs)

**The Liberal Democrats have a team of local champions who are pledging to listen to your concerns and work with your MP to make real progress in Surrey.**

“Together, we can turn promises into action,” **Helen Maguire** declares. “It’s time to deliver real change for Epsom and Ewell.” She condemned the Conservatives for letting residents down. “As the blue Tory wall collapses across Surrey, Epsom and

Ewell can lead the way for something better. Lib Dem councils elsewhere are demonstrating what hope and hard work can achieve.”

### MAKING WAVES

With Lib Dem councils already making waves across the UK, this could be a new start for Surrey.

This May the choice is clear: more failure with Conservatives or real action with the Liberal Democrats. Voting independents won’t bring the change Surrey needs.

# MOPED MAYHEM

**F**or the past four years, Epsom and Ewell pavements have become a free-for-all with illegal moped parking, posing serious risks for pedestrians.

Despite the Resident Association putting forward a plan to tackle the issue, mopeds still swarm the pavements, with zero enforcement and no accountability in sight. Nothing seems to have changed and local people are wondering why the Residents Associations are not taking further action.

Cllr **Julian Freeman** commented: “In short, they are in office but not in control. They often cannot agree on issues.”

### LIB DEMS PLEDGE ACTION

While the Resident Association sits idle, the Lib Dems are stepping up. They’re out in the community, knocking on doors and pledging to put residents first. Epsom’s moped mayhem represents another Residents’ Association plan that is yet to be delivered.



High Street in Chaos as Residents’ Association fails to act.

# MAY'S COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE A CLEAR CHOICE TIME FOR A CHANGE IN SURREY

- **The Conservatives have run Surrey County Council for DECADES. They are out of touch and letting us down.**
- **Lib Dem MP Helen Maguire and her team are leading the fight to get a fair deal from county hall.**
- **Labour, Green Party and Independents cannot deliver the change Surrey needs - only the Lib Dems can win**

**LIB  
DEM  
38%**

**CON  
31%**

**LAB  
15%**

### It's SO close here...

More people voted Lib Dem in Epsom and Ewell last July to stop the Conservatives from winning. This May local people can do the same again!

**M**ay’s county council elections here in Epsom are set to be a clear choice between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives.

Voters get to have their say on Conservative controlled Surrey County Council - many residents want to make their feelings known about the state of the roads, record-breaking Council Tax bills and state of special educational needs.

More people voted for the Liberal Democrats in Surrey than any other party last July. This shows after decades of Conservative control at County Hall, things can change.

### TWO HORSE RACE

**Only the Lib Dems can stop the Conservatives winning again. Voting Labour or for an independent will only help the Tories win again in Surrey.**